



PHYLLIS DUNAY

March 9, 1932 - June 15, 2016

Phyllis Dunay, 84, of Oak Ridge, formerly Whippany, NJ passed away on Wednesday, June 15, 2016 at Preferred Care in Wall Township, NJ.

Phyllis was born on March 9, 1932 in Orange, NJ to the late Philip and Florence Marion (Chatham) Pierman. She lived in Milburn, NJ where she graduated from Milburn High School. She also grew up at the NJ shore and enjoyed summers in Belmar.

Phyllis earned her Bachelor of Arts Degree and Master's Degree in Special Education from Kean University. She was a member of Alpha Sigma Lambda and received this honor as an adult student for her outstanding academic achievement.

Phyllis taught at Mt. Olive High School for 20 years and was a member of the New Jersey Education Association. Upon retiring, she began volunteering for a therapeutic horseback riding program launched at Westfall Farm in Montague, NJ. She continued as a volunteer for 20 years as part of the G.A.I.T therapeutic riding program for children and adults with special needs located in Milford, PA. In 2005, Phyllis received an award at G.A.I.T. as Volunteer of the Year for her exceptional contribution to the program.

Phyllis was kind, generous, and passionate about animals and wildlife –

especially her adopted horse, Laura.

Phyllis was predeceased by her husband Charles Dunay, in 2011.

She is survived by her son, Douglas Baird and his wife, Bonnie, her daughter, Susan Gramlich, and her husband, Mike; her five loving grandchildren: William Gramlich and his wife, Sara, Stewart Gramlich, Nicholas Gramlich, Courtney Baird, and Austin Baird; as well as her cousin, Connie Robison.

Memorial visitation will be held on Saturday, June 25, 2016 from 2pm to 4pm with a memorial service at 4pm followed by moments of reflection at the Stickle-Soltesz Funeral Home, 187 La Rue Road, Newfoundland, NJ, 07435 (GPS use 1 Post Place).

In lieu of flowers, a donation to G.A.I.T Therapeutic Riding Center (gaittrc.org) may be sent to the following address: G.A.I.T. P.O. Box 69, Milford, PA 18337.

Log onto www.sticklesolteszfuneralhome.com tribute wall to personally post your condolences, memories, photos, and videos, as well as obtaining driving directions to the funeral home.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

JUN **25**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Stickle-Soltesz Funeral Home
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Memorial Service

JUN **25**. 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM (ET)

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Moments of Reflection

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Phyllis' heart and smile were huge. She remembered everyone, furry and not furry, at GAIT. She did very thoughtful things for people, proving that she was really listening when you spoke to her. She was dedicated, driving a long distance to be there regularly; for as long as she could, she was there helping out multiple days every week. She looked out for the riders and the horses, making the riders feel important and welcome and the horses well endowed with treats. A loss for us, a big gain for heaven and her loved ones there, furry and not furry.*

Jan Lucciola

Jan Lucciola - June 24, 2016 at 05:28 PM

CO

“ *Phyllis made me feel welcome when I first started working at GAIT. She was very encouraging and proud of being the eldest volunteer. I would often help her unload cat food for the barn cats or treats for the horses. She had a great sense of humor and drive to do good for others. She will be missed.*

Cora from GAIT TRC

Cora - June 23, 2016 at 11:48 PM

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“ *Phyllis was a relative by marriage and a dear, dear friend to our family for over 30 years. We loved her strength, her courage, her sense of humor, and most of all, her devotion to her family and friends. We also knew how passionate she was about animals. She had a special love for horses, and we will never forget the tireless work she did with the handicapped riders in the G.A.I.T program. Phyllis was a beautiful person in so many ways. We will miss her more than words can say.*
(Nancy and Peter Wilson)

Nancy Wilson - June 23, 2016 at 07:00 PM

PP

“ *Priscilla Perry lit a candle in memory of
PHYLLIS DUNAY*



Priscilla Perry - June 21, 2016 at 07:52 PM

AS

“ *Ashley lit a candle in memory of PHYLLIS
DUNAY*



Ashley - June 20, 2016 at 09:03 PM

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GAIT TRC - June 20, 2016 at 01:39 PM

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“ All of us at **GAIT TRC** purchased the *Basket of Memories* for the family of **PHYLLIS DUNAY**.



All of us at GAIT TRC - June 20, 2016 at 01:37 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



GAIT TRC - June 20, 2016 at 01:35 PM

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“ 5 files added to the album *New Album Name*




GAIT TRC - June 20, 2016 at 01:03 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of *PHYLLIS DUNAY*.



June 19, 2016 at 10:37 PM

 Nancy Van Wyk

“ *She will be missed.*

Nancy Van Wyk - June 17, 2016 at 05:39 PM